## CLAIMS

What is claimed is

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5 1. A hair clipper protective and identifying cap for use with a hair clipper having a handle portion and a top cutting portion having an angled blade, comprising:

A vertical rear wall having a rear wa=ll top edge;

A curved front wall having a vertical portion and an angled top portion that extends rearwardly to the rear wall top edge;

A pair of side walls extending between the front wall and rear wall;

- A bottom edge, the vertical rear wall, curved front wall, and side walls extending upward from the bottom edge, together defining an enclosed cap for fitting over the top cutting portion of the clipper, and that is open at said bottom edge for allowing the angled blade of the cutting portion of the clipper to extend upwardly thereinto.
  - 2. The protective cap as recited in claim 1, further comprising indicia labels, including an indicia label reading "clean" and an indicia label reading "soiled", the indicia labels are sized to fit on the angled top portion of the curved front wall, the indicia labels are selectively applied

thereto to selectively indicate that the clipper is soiled and selectively indicate that the clipper therein is clean.

3. A hair clipper protective and identifying method, for use

5 with a hair clipper having a handle portion and a top cutting
portion having an angled blade, using a protective cap having
a front wall, rear wall, side walls, and an open bottom edge
that together define an enclosed cap, and indicia labels, at
least one of the indicia labels reading "soiled", and at

10 least one of the indicia labels reading "clean", comprising
the steps of:

applying the indicia label reading "clean" onto the front wall of the protective cap;

covering the angled blade of the clipper by extending the top cutting portion into the protective cap at the bottom edge;

removing the angled blade from the protective cap; using the hair clipper to trim hair;

applying the indicia label reading "soiled" onto the front wall of the protective cap; and

covering the angled blade of the clipper by extending the top cutting portion into the protective cap at the bottom edge.

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4. A hair clipper protective and identifying method, for use with a hair clipper having a handle portion and a top cutting

portion having an angled blade, using protective caps, each having a front wall, rear wall, side walls, and an open bottom edge that together define an enclosed cap, at least one of the caps has an indicia label reading "soiled", and at least one of the caps has an indicia label reading "clean", comprising the steps of:

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covering the angled blade of the clipper with the protective cap having the indicia label reading "clean" by extending the top cutting portion into said protective cap at the bottom edge;

removing the angled blade from said protective cap; using the hair clipper to trim hair;

covering the angled blade of the clipper with the

15 protective cap having the indicia label reading "soiled" by
extending the top cutting portion into said protective cap at
the bottom edge.